



THE BOTTOM LINE

VICE PRESIDENT FOR FINANCE AND CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER | APRIL 2019

RECENT NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

University moving to new travel and expense management system

Virginia Tech will begin transitioning to Chrome River later this summer. The system will enhance user experience, accelerate approval processes, and enable real-time, fully-integrated reporting and analytics.

[Find out more](#) about Chrome River.

Registration open for Business Practices Seminar

The university's 16th annual Business Practices Seminar will include sessions on how to integrate strategic planning and diversity frameworks into business operations, as well as updates from core administrative offices on campus.

Learn more about the seminar [here](#).

Health insurance information sessions available for employees

In preparation for the open enrollment period, several information sessions have been scheduled on campus.

[View the list of sessions](#)

Administration and Operations launches strategic review

[Learn more](#) about this strategic initiative, and view the [project site](#).

UPCOMING EVENTS

FOCUS Spring 2019 Meeting

April 24-25 | The Inn at Virginia Tech

Virginia Tech is hosting the Spring 2019 meeting of Fiscal Officers of Colleges and Universities State Supported (FOCUS).

View the event agenda [here](#).

16th Annual Business Practices Seminar

May 21 | The Inn at Virginia Tech

Staff Appreciation Day

May 22 | 10am – 3pm | Owens Hall

More information will be coming soon on the [event website](#).

A NOTE OF THANKS & CONGRATULATIONS

On behalf of the Inclusion & Diversity Committee, I wanted to extend our warmest thanks and appreciation for your presence at the recent Employee Awards and Recognition Reception. I hope you took the opportunity to meet someone new, learn more about some of the tremendous accomplishments of co-workers, and just have some fun!

We also heard from more than 100 of you about what you enjoyed, what was rewarding, and what we could improve for future events. As the Committee continues its work, we will certainly take your feedback into account, and we anticipate there being more events and opportunities to come.

And finally, I hope you'll join me in extending congratulations to each of the award winners across our departments (see next column). Thank you for everything you do!

- *Samantha Marcum, Chair
Inclusion & Diversity Committee*

EMPLOYEE SPOTLIGHT

Kelly Leggett

Accountant

Bursar's Office

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UPGRADING YOUR ID CARD

Don't forget to upgrade your Hokie Passport ID cards to ones with new contactless smartcard technology. Make the swap free of charge during normal operating hours at the Student Services Building.

All your existing access and accounts will transfer to the new card, and they will continue to work on existing magstripe readers.

EMPLOYEE AWARDS & RECOGNITIONS

CONSIDER IT DONE AWARD

Patricia Mullins | *Procurement*

TEAMWORK AWARD

Julie Wesel | *Hokie Passport Services*

LEADERSHIP TEAM AWARD

Rob Mann, Jennifer Hundley, and David Crofts | *Capital Assets and Financial Management*

INNOVATIVE LEADERSHIP AWARD

Courtney Long | *Budget and Financial Planning*

EXTRA MILE AWARD

Nette Johnson | *Finance Information Technology*

VIP AWARD...FOR A VERY IMPORTANT PAYROLL PERSON

Vickie Akers | *Controller's Office*

SAGE OF ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE AWARD

Susan Edwards | *Bursar's Office*

ABACUS AWARD...FOR BEING THERE TO COUNT ON

Michelle Tompkins | *Risk Management*

CIRCLE OF EXCELLENCE AWARD

Holly Bost, Callan Bartel, and Sarah Woolsey | *Office of the Vice President for Finance*

INCLUSION & DIVERSITY PARTNER

Kelly Leggett | *Bursar's Office*

NEW WEBSITE

The VP for Finance and CFO has recently launched a new web page at vpfin.vt.edu. The site will house some key information about each VPF reporting unit, provide an overview of the scope of our responsibilities, and showcase some of our key initiatives that previously were not easy to find online. These include things like the rotational internship and fellowship programs, key news and announcements, inclusion and diversity initiatives, previous newsletters and employee spotlight features, and more.

Check out the page, and let us know what you think! And please share any news, announcements, or suggestions you have for the site.

EMPLOYEE SPOTLIGHT

KELLY LEGGETT

HOW DID YOU COME TO BLACKSBURG?

I am originally from Cornwall, a small town in New York. My husband graduated from Virginia Tech and when he brought me here, I fell in love with the area! We moved here in 2006.

WHAT'S YOUR FAVORITE PLACE YOU'VE VISITED?

Niagara Falls

WHAT'S YOUR FAVORITE HOLIDAY?

Christmas! I have always loved the holiday, but now that I have children, I love to see the excitement in their eyes.

IF YOU COULD HAVE ANY SUPERPOWER, WHAT WOULD IT BE?

To snap my fingers and the house would be clean!

YOU HIT THE JACKPOT AND WIN THE LOTTERY... WHAT'S THE FIRST THING YOU BUY?

A vacation for me and my family – on a cruise!

WHAT WAS YOUR FIRST JOB?

When I was 14, I got my first job at Dunkin Donuts.

WHO IS SOMEONE THAT INSPIRES YOU?

My oldest sister Jennifer inspires me. She was born with epilepsy and has overcome so many hurdles in her life. She is one of the strongest and bravest women I know.

WHAT'S ONE OF YOUR WEIRDEST QUIRKS?

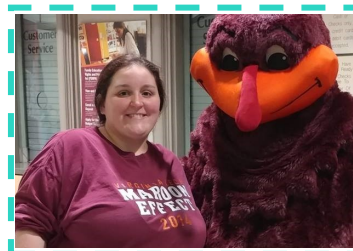
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WHAT IS THE MOST REWARDING THING ABOUT YOUR JOB?

I love my job! The feeling of helping others, whether it be in my office, other offices, or through my work with the CVC...it is just so satisfying.

WHAT TYPE OF MUSIC DO YOU ENJOY?

I like country the best, but depending on my mood, I could listen to oldies pop, rap, or rock. Chris Young is my favorite.



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BURSAR'S OFFICE

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WHAT'S ONE OF YOUR FAVORITE HOBBIES?

Thrift store shopping! Nothing is better than a day out with my mom and two sisters stopping at as many as we can.

ANY PETS?

Yes! I have a dog named Toby and two cats–Taco and Harvey.

IF YOU WERE STRANDED ON A DESERT ISLAND AND COULD ONLY HAVE THREE ITEMS, THEY WOULD BE...

A boat, water, and a 2-way radio!